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LATESSA SALONE,
JANET DEMARINIS,
ANDREA RAILA,
PAT QUINN, and
the petition signers of
the CUSTOMER UTILITY
CONVENTION

Petitioners.

Petition to the Members of the
Illinois Commerce Commission
Pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of
the Illinois Administrative
Procedure Act

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

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**PETITION FOR AN EMERGENCY RULE TO PROHIBIT ILLINOIS GAS
UTILITY COMPANIES FROM SHUTTING OFF GAS TO RESIDENTIAL
HEATING CUSTOMERS DUE TO FINANCIAL INABILITY TO PAY**

LATESSA SALONE, an Illinois residential gas consumer; JANET DEMARINIS,
an Illinois residential gas consumer and mother of 16-month-old Jacopo DeMarinis;
ANDREA RAILA, an Illinois residential gas consumer and mother of two-year-old Rhea
Raila; PAT QUINN, an Illinois residential gas consumer and petitioner for the Illinois
Citizens Utility Board to this Commission in 1982 (See No. 82-0112); and the thousands
of Illinois residential heating customers who have signed the Customer Utility
Convention petition in support of this administrative petition, pursuant to Section
5-145(b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, do hereby petition that the
following emergency rule be immediately adopted by the members of the Illinois
Commerce Commission:

Proposed New Section 280. 136: "In light of the unprecedented and skyrocketing price of natural gas during the winter heating season of 2000-01 which has caused severe harm to the finances, health, and safety of tens of thousands of Illinois residential customers, no Illinois gas utility shall be permitted in the next 150 days to shut off gas to any Illinois residential heating customer due to financial inability to pay."

In support of this petition, Petitioners point out that Illinois consumers are now confronting an unprecedented increase in their natural gas bills, and consumers are struggling to pay these back-breaking heating bills.

The Petitioners point out that natural gas is not a luxury, but rather a vital necessity that is essential for millions of Illinois consumers, including senior citizens and infants, to have heat, hot water, and cooking gas in order to survive.

The Petitioners point out that new state and local programs for emergency energy assistance are being proposed but are not ready for immediate implementation.

The Petitioners point out that false meter readings, inaccurate estimated bills, and fouled-up phone service by natural gas companies have greatly added to the burden of Illinois natural gas consumers who are seeking to resolve bills with the companies before having their gas shutoff.

Petitioners point out that public health and safety will be jeopardized, and life-threatening conditions will be created if Illinois gas utility companies are permitted to carry out a spring shutoff offensive against thousands of Illinois households.

For the above-mentioned reasons, Petitioners ask this Commission to issue an emergency rule prohibiting Illinois gas utility companies from shutting off gas to residential heating customers due to financial inability to pay.

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VERIFICATION

I, Latessa Salone, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Latessa Salone

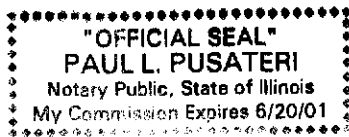
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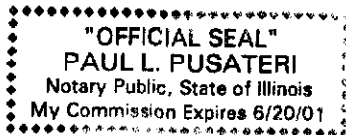
I, Janet DeMarinis, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Janet DeMarinis
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I, Pat Quinn, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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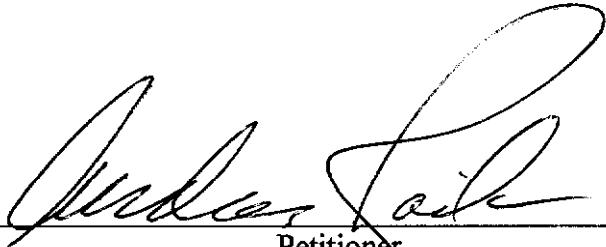
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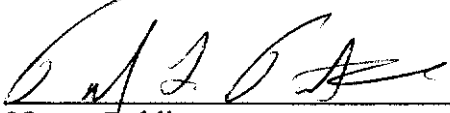
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I, Andrea Raila, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an Illinois residential gas consumer and a Petitioner, and I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my petition to the members of the Illinois Commerce Commission pursuant to Section 5-145 (b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


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